

THE FRUIT CROP.

Wentworth.

SIR,—In reply to your enquiry: the apple crop in this district is much below an average; quality poor. Pears above an average, and very fair quality. Peaches, very heavy crop. Plums, above average; very good. Grapes, heavy crop; large and fine.

M. PETTIT, *Winona.*

Lincoln.

SIR,—Great change in apple crop since last report; not more than one-eighth of last year's crop; badly spotted and wormy. Plums, heavy crop. Peaches, same. Grapes, same, but in places affected with mildew and rot to a small extent. Pears, Bartlett full crop; Bossock average; other sorts mostly light, except Kieffer, average.

A. M. SMITH, *St. Catharines.*

United States.

The apple exporters say that, from the reports so far received, the crop in New England is below the average, especially winter fruit; that in New York there is less than an average crop along the lakes, and a fair crop in the Hudson River Valley. In Virginia a fair crop, but very light in the Ohio River Valley. Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Iowa promise an average crop. Michigan and Nova Scotia are below the average. Baldwins are reported light in all sections of the United States, and the larger part of the crop consists of russets and green varieties. This is bad for the exporter, for the red varieties take best in Great Britain.

Renfrew County.

Apples, Summer and Fall under the average, Wealthy a fair crop, other winter apples not much grown here.

Plums, Native red a failure, De Soto and Sinclair varieties a full crop

Grapes under the average upon the whole, vines that came through the winter all right are up to the average, but many were injured by the severe season and bearing very lightly.

R. B. WHYTE, *Ottawa.*

Oxford County.

SIR,—I think from what I have seen and

enquiries made, the apple crop will only be medium, quality good. Pears very good, quality good. Peaches not much grown in this section. Plums will be very good, quality good. Grapes good, quality good.

Jos. S. SCARFF, *Woodstock.*

Ontario County.

SIR,—I regret to say that the outlook for a paying crop of apples is very slim, owing largely I think to too much wet weather. Many varieties that were well loaded early in the season, have kept dropping off till a very few are left, especially Duchess and Astrachan. R. I. Greenings are very small compared with last year, in fact nearly all our varieties are below the average of last season. Very few Baldwins are on the trees, as many of the trees never bloomed in the spring. Spys, Canada Red, Haas, Wealthy, Yellow Bellefleur, King, Fall Pippin, Ribston Pippin and Twenty Ounce are fairly well loaded, but all below the average in size at this time; nor do I believe they will make it up, as the nights are getting cold.

In pears the prospect is good, especially early varieties, Clapp's Favorite taking the lead, Bartlett coming a good second, while Louise Bonne, Keifer's, B. d'Atjou and Clairgeau are coming on finely, and Rostiezer is literally crowded with beautiful samples.

In plums, the crop is the best we have had for years, both in quantity and size, and the prospect is good for profitable crop this season. Small fruits were very plentiful and difficult to sell at remunerative prices, in fact gooseberries, which were very fine, could hardly be disposed of at all. Grapes are looking well, but unless we get warmer weather, many varieties will not ripen, as most varieties were late in blooming in the spring. I also find where spraying was done thoroughly, there is more fruit and better quality than where it was omitted or only partially done.

R. L. HUGGARD, *Whitby.*

THE APPLE CROP is reported abundant in Missouri, Arkansas, and Eastern Kansas, but owing to the failure in the Eastern States, Mr. Goodman, Secretary Missouri State Society, expects high prices, owing to the failure in the east.

The grape crop is reported very abundant.

